

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Hirochika et al.
FOR : A NOVEL GENE FOR CONTROLLING LEAF SHAPES
SERIAL NO. : Not yet assigned (Divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/667,475, filed September 22, 2000)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Divisional Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows: